



## **BULK TERMINALS 2024 ANTWERP**

**The Annual Conference of the Association of Bulk Terminal Operators (ABTO)**  
*– the only event aimed at the entire bulk terminals industry*

**Radisson Blu Astrid Hotel Antwerp City Centre, 23-24 October 2024**

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*Please note this is a draft document subject to change and apart from the Bulk Markets session, the Operations, Safety & Risk and Environment sessions may change the order from as they appear below*

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### **CONFIRMED SPEAKERS**

Chairman: Professor Mike Bradley BSc Hons, PhD, Director, The Wolfson Centre for Bulk Solids Handling Technology, University of Greenwich; Chairman, Solids Handling and Processing Association (SHAPA) and the ABTO Members' Advisory Panel

Albert-Jan Ars, Commercial Manager Port Operations, Katoen Natie

Nick Chubb, Managing Director, Thetius

Jérémie Geelen, Market Intelligence Director, Bioenergy Europe

Simon Gutteridge BA Law (Hons), FIMarEST, Chief Executive, ABTO

Dr Wouter Jacobs, Executive and Academic Director Erasmus Commodity & Trade Centre, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Dorota Jilli, Senior Underwriter, TT Club

Garry O'Malley, Operations Director, Teesworks and Chairman, ABTO Technical Committee

Frank van Laarhoven, Senior Sales Manager Europe, RAM Spreaders

Jo Van der Hertten, Key Account Manager, Port of Antwerp-Bruges Bulk Terminals

Indra Vonck PhD, Partner, Maritime & Transport Business Solutions (MTBS) and Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**PRE-CONFERENCE NETWORKING: TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023**

Ice Breaker Drinks

**CONFERENCE DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024**

**MORNING SESSION**

**OPENING WELCOME ADDRESSES**

**BULK MARKETS**

Bulk markets vulnerability to wars and political disruptions

Grain markets

Biomass

Prospects for the minerals dry bulk market in 2024 and beyond

The continuing market for coal

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**OPERATIONS**

Progress towards bulk terminal automation

What is Containerised Bulk Handling (CBH)

Circular economies: CASE STUDIES

Efficient use of quayside space and time

Latest developments in cold ironing

**EVENING SESSION**

Tour of De Koninck Antwerp City Brewery and Conference Reception

**CONFERENCE DAY TWO: THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

**MORNING SESSION**

**ENVIRONMENT**

Developments in maritime decarbonisation – *getting ports to net zero*

The danger of rising water levels to terminal operations

PANEL: Options for a green port strategy and combating the effects of climate change

INTERACTIVE SESSION: Delegates from ports and terminals join panellists from the previous session to report where they are with their journey to deal with rising sea levels and implementing a strategy for greening their operations

**SECURITY AND SAFETY & RISK**

Safety – *eliminating risk*

Threatened actions of rogue states short of a declaration of war – *political & economic disruption, false flag actions, anonymous terrorism and cyber attack*

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**TERMINAL VISIT**

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